



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: August 13, 2024

In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Arts Funding: FY2025 Production Costs for Artists Grant Funding Recommendations (Action)

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts and Culture offers production costs for performing artists grants to provide support for productions already planned. Ten (10) applicants are being recommended for funding through this grant program for awards of up to \$7,500.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Production costs for artists grants are part of the Performing Arts Strategic Plan. Programs are funded by the City of San Antonio's agreement with Ticketmaster through the Arts & Entertainment Enhancement Fund. The goal of this grant is to assist artist with the production of high-quality, innovative, and accessible performing arts programming in San Antonio. Performing arts producing artists are eligible to apply for the production cost grant. Applications are reviewed and scored by an independent review panel. Grants are up to \$7,500.00 and are awarded on

abiennial basis. Grant funds may be used for venue and equipment rentals, security costs, back-of-house labor fees, and marketing in support of their production. Ten (10) applicants are being recommended for funding through this program.

The Arts Funding Committee approved FY2025 production costs for artists grant funding recommendations at their meeting on August 1, 2024.

ISSUE:

Approval of the recommendation is required by the San Antonio Arts Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the production costs for artists grants is provided through the City of San Antonio agreement with Ticketmaster through the Arts and Entertainment Enhancement Fund and does not impact the FY2025 City of San Antonio budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to delay the item until the San Antonio Arts Commission could convene at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the FY2025 production costs for artists grant funding.